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SUBJ: W/W EMILIE AND KYRIL DE ROHAN-CHANDOR

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1. THIS TELEGRAM UPDATES THE INFORMATION IN REFTEL.

2. AS DISCUSSED IN PARA 7 REFTEL, ON MAY 6 THE CHIEF OF THE CONSULAR SECTION MADE A REPRESENTATION ON THE CHANDOR'S BEHALF TO THE CHEFE DE CABINETE OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, STATING THAT THE CONTINUING INVESTIGATION WAS HAVING AN INORDINATE EFFECT ON MR. ROHAN-CHANDOR'S HEALTH. IT WAS FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT THE INVESTIGATION HAD TURNED UP NOTHING SUBSTANTIAL AS OF THAT DATE, AND THAT UNLESS THE POLICE COULD DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY WERE FOLLOWING SOLID LEADS, HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS DICTATED THAT THE CHANDORS BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES WHERE MR. CHANDOR COULD GET BETTER MEDICAL TREATMENT. THE CHEFE DE CABINETE LATER REPORTED THAT HE HAD TAKEN THE MATTER UP WITH THE MINISTER WHO, IN TURN, DISCUSSED THE EMBASSY'S DEMARCHE WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE POLICIA JUDICIARIA.

3. IN THE MEANTIME, MR. ROHAN-CHANDOR WAS HOSPITALIZED ON MAY 8 BECAUSE OF HIS DIABETES AND EMPHYSEMA. HIS CONDITION WORSENED, AND ON MAY 12, HE DIED.

4. UNKNOWN TO CHANDOR AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, THE ORDER TO PERMIT HIM AND HIS WIFE TO DEPART FOR THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNITED STATES PENDING TRIAL HAD BEEN ISSUED BY THE

INVESTIGATING MAGISTRATE ON MAY 10.

5. CHANDOR'S BODY, ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. ROHAN-CHANDOR, DEPARTED PORTUGAL ON MAY 14. THE CHANDOR'S LAWYER IS ATTEMPTING BUT HAS NOT YET BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING MR. ROHAN-CHANDOR'S PART OF THE BOND RETURNED. AS YET, NO FORMAL CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED, SO NO TRIAL DATE CAN BE SET. THE JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, AND BOND ARE STILL IN THE CUSTODY OF THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES. MRS. ROHAN-CHANDOR IS STILL EXPECTED TO RETURN FOR TRIAL. THE EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BE IN CONTACT WITH THEIR LAWYER.

6. THE SHIPPING AGENCY, SOMAGOR, INFORMS US THAT THE CHANDORS' HOUSEHOLD GOODS DEPARTED ROTTERDAM ON MAY 10 ABOARD THE "ATLANTIC CROWN." THE GOODS SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED IN NEW YORK ON MAY 16, C/O UNITED STATES TRUST COMPANY, WHO HAS ALREADY ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THE GOODS AND PAID FOR ITS SHIPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION.

FYI: DURING THE TIME THEY WERE LODGED AT THE HOTEL TIVOLI IN LISBON, THE CHANDORS CAME INTO CONTACT WITH DONALD B. GILLIES. IT WAS GILLIES WHO GAVE THEM THE NAMES AND ADVISED THEM TO CONTACT ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN AND PHILIP BUCHAN, REPRESENTING HIMSELF AS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF BOTH. IN ADDITION TO THE HARM DONE TO HIS CASE BY BRAGGING ABOUT HIS IMPORTANCE AS A BUSINESSMAN (PARA 6, REFTEL) THE CHANDOR'S CASE WAS FURTHER DAMAGED BY MRS. CHANDOR'S PERSISTENT COMPLAINTS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE INVESTIGATION WAS HAVING A HARMFUL EFFECT ON THE HEALTH OF HER CAT. AT ONE POINT, MRS. CHANDOR TRIED TO WIN THE JUDGE'S SYMPATHY BY POINTING OUT THAT IT WAS COSTING HER NEARLY \$5 A DAY JUST TO BUY FISH FOR HER CAT FROM THE RESTAURANT OF THE RITZ. IT IS THEREFORE NOT SURPRISING THAT WHEN THE REAL ISSUE OF MR. CHANDOR'S HEALTH CAME INTO QUESTION, THE CHANDORS WERE CAUGHT IN A "CRY WOLF" POSITION. END FYI. CARLUCCI

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